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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR LINDSEY P. HORVATH

Support AB 1538 (Muratsuchi): Clean Energy Reliability Program

On April 18, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) created a joint powers authority resulting in the Clean Power Alliance, the administrator of the Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) program for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. CCAs are an alternative to the investor-owned utility energy supply system in which local entities aggregate the buying power of individual customers within a defined jurisdiction in order to secure alternative energy supply contracts. CCAs are local, not-for-profit, public agencies that take on the decision-making role about sources of energy for electricity generation.

As the CCA serving Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, Clean Power Alliance has sponsored Assembly Bill (AB) 1538, introduced by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi on February 17, 2023. AB 1538 establishes the Clean Energy Reliability Program, to be administered by the California Public Utilities Commission, upon appropriation, to provide incentive payments to qualifying energy suppliers that use eligible resources, as defined, to exceed their clean energy capacity requirements or targets, within or at the end of a given compliance period.

California's power grid faces numerous challenges. Soaring temperatures throughout the year due to climate change puts an enormous strain on our energy supply. Additionally, as the state addresses the need for climate action through electrification of transportation, further stress

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will be placed on our grid. AB 1538 incentivizes energy providers to procure clean energy above and beyond what is currently mandated to help address the growing demands placed on California's power grid.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to advocate in support of Assembly Bill 1538, including sending a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi.

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